



# Canyon Creek Basin

## Seasonal Cleanup Activities Start Soon

Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup



June 2021

Cleanup investigations will begin soon in Canyon Creek Basin, outside of Wallace. These investigations will help guide cleanup design so that sources of heavy metals from historical mine and mill sites can be removed. The Coeur d'Alene Work Trust will perform the work, under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

### Seven New Projects Start this Year

In June, work crews will start investigations at seven new projects: Gem Complex, Standard Mammoth Reach, Ajax No. 3, Canyon Creek Garbage Dump, Marsh Mine, and Oneill Gulch Unnamed Rock Dump. Crews will drill borings and monitoring wells, dig test pits, and collect soil, surface water, and groundwater samples. EPA expects this summer's work will wrap up in September. Cleanup will prevent the contaminants from washing downstream, improving water quality and reducing exposures for people and wildlife.



Gem Complex, Canyon Creek Basin.

### Work Schedule

For all projects, work will take place from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may see trucks, drill rigs, and other equipment on the properties at this time. EPA does not expect major traffic impacts.

### Ongoing Projects

A number of other cleanup investigations that began in past seasons will continue this year. These include Tamarack Mine No. 7, Black Bear Fraction/Flynn Mine, and Hecla Star Complex. At Tamarack Mine No. 7, the Trust's contractors will dig test pits with an excavator and confirm the location of underground utilities. At Hecla Star Complex, one monitoring well will be installed. At the Black Bear Fraction/Flynn Mine, crews will drill borings and monitoring wells, dig test pits, and collect soil, surface water, and groundwater samples.

EPA will work closely with the Trust to incorporate up-to-date guidance on reducing the risk of contracting COVID-19 during site work.

*We know this work poses an inconvenience to residents. Thank you for your patience while we complete these projects. Please contact us if you have concerns.*

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